

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, and 5-14 are now currently pending in the present application. Claims 3 and 4 have been cancelled herein. Claims 1, 2, 5-7, and 11 have been amended to correct matters of form. New claims 12-14 have been added, support for which may be found in the prior claim set. No new matter has been added by way of the present claim amendments.

Applicants request clarification regarding the drawings (see Box 10 of PTOL-326 form).

Restriction/Election of Sequence Requirement

The previous Restriction Requirement has been made Final in the present application. In accordance with the Examiner's request in the Office Action, at page 4, the first full paragraph, the present claims have been amended to cancel subject matter directed to the non-elected invention.

Claim Objections

Claims 1-11 have been objected to for several reasons, as noted in the Office Action at page 4 – page 5, paragraph (3.). The present claims have been amended to fully address the Examiner's concerns. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the outstanding claim objections.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, Second Paragraph

Claims 2, 6 and 7 stand rejected as being indefinite. The present claims have been amended to fully address the Examiner's concerns. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the outstanding claim rejections.

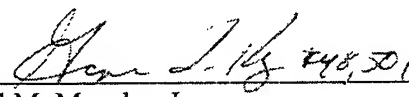
In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe the pending application is in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Gerald M. Murphy, Jr., Reg. No. 28,977 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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